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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC DRUG USER SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. The sentencing, Graves said, is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Dentury D. Sallard, 19, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to one year and six months in federal prison without parole.

On June 9, 2005, **Sallard** pleaded guilty to charges contained in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 29, 2005, in Kansas City. By pleading guilty, **Sallard** admitted that he was an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver on Jan. 27, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Sallard** admitted that he was an unlawful user of marijuana at the time he possessed the firearm.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Blue Springs, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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